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Applicants: N. TAKAHASHI, et al

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 21, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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